

The Fore-runner.

Sweetwater, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1868.

After the Election.

Now that the question is settled as to the next Presidency, we hope much of the bitterness which has existed between the opposing parties, particularly in Tennessee, may be laid at rest forever. The Democracy of the North, to whose strength alone we of the South have looked for success in an effort to change the political complexion of our government, have been fairly beaten at the ballot-box. They willingly acknowledge their defeat, and, while doubtless disposed to deplore the result, they have too much judgment and too much regard for the welfare of the country to do otherwise than give it unreservedly such acquiescence as is due from the defeated party. And every good citizen, individually, owes the same acquiescence to the decision which has been made. We do not mean that because our party has been outnumbered at the polls, we should renounce our principles and adopt those of the majority, simply because they are of the majority. This would be un-American and unmanly. But prudence, love of country, a desire for the return of real peace, as well as the duty of obedience to law suggest that each one should calmly recognize the result, and do nothing, by word or act, indicating a spirit of resistance to such laws as those properly authorized by a majority of the people shall see fit to place over us.

For ourselves, we confess that our hopes are somewhat brightening as to the future. The very fact that the election has passed, comparatively without disturbance, and that the result is fully recognized by all parties, is, of itself, a good omen. If the Republic is to live—and he who wishes otherwise is not worthy of the name of American citizen, be he Democrat or Republican—the errors of the past will be seen, acknowledged and corrected within the next few years. This last may be effected either by the increasing strength of the Democratic party, bringing it success at the State elections which are to intervene, or by such a modification or change of Radical views as the people may see fit to demand.

In the mean time, if every one will determine to let by-gones be by-gones—not to swear at and abuse his neighbor because he is a Radical, or distrust and oppress him because he is a Democrat or Conservative—and go cheerfully, hopefully to work to redeem the losses of the past few years, everything will yet work well for us.

In the future, while the FORE-RUNNER proposes to give such political news as will probably be of interest to its readers, reserving its right to approve or disapprove the action of parties or party leaders, it will devote its best energies to the promotion of good feeling—the advocacy of a return to the era of peace and harmony which existed before war stretched its destroying and demoralizing hand over our once happy land; and while we believe this era might have been hastened by the success of the Democratic party, we shall remain hopeful and confident in its attainment so long as the government of the country is left in the hands of the American people.

The Vote in Tennessee

Is not yet definitely known, though it is believed that Grant's majority will not be more than twenty-five thousand. This is a very great falling off for the Republican party from the majority of last year, and it is said to be owing in a great measure to the disaffection of the negroes in Middle and West Tennessee. Without the official returns we have no means of comparing the vote of East Tennessee with that of 1867, but the indications are that the Democratic or Conservative vote has gained considerably since that time, and there was, perhaps, a corresponding diminution in the Radical vote. We do not believe, however, the entire vote of East Tennessee to be as large as that of last year. The State sends two Democrats to Congress: Sheffo, from the Fourth, and Lettwich, from the Eighth District. From present prospects, even should the franchise law stand as it is, the election next August will at least be close enough to be interesting to all concerned.

We refrain from annoying our readers with election returns. The whole number of electoral votes is 317. Virginia, Mississippi and Texas did not vote, thus leaving only 294 electoral votes to be contended for. Of these Seymour received 88, representing the States of New York, Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, New Jersey and Oregon. It is about certain that all the rest went for Grant. The Democratic gain in Congressmen was large, and if they are allowed to take their seats there will be in the next Congress 11 Senators and 83 Representatives belonging to that party.

The Legislature.

This body assembled on Monday last, but we have no information whether an organization was effected on that day or not. Now that General Grant is elected and the radical party have a right to expect a smooth sea upon which to sail, we hope that prospective legislation will be abandoned and that the Assembly will devote its time and whatever talent it possesses to the amelioration of our condition as a people, honestly and earnestly.

We shall endeavor to present to our readers a report of such of the proceedings of the Legislature as will prove interesting to them.

If the party in power were wise enough to adopt as its motto Thomas H. Benton's great sentiment, that while "exaltation is natural, moderation is the ornament of victory," there would not be much to fear for the future of the country.

Proclamation by the Governor of Tennessee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE OF TENNESSEE,
Nashville, October 24, 1868.
WHEREAS, the President of the United States has, by proclamation, set apart the 26th day of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for His benefits and blessings so lavishly bestowed upon the country during the year now closing:

Now, therefore, I, W. G. Brownlow, Governor of Tennessee, proclaim the same day a day of thanksgiving and praise to God throughout the State of Tennessee, and respectfully, but earnestly, request all the good citizens of this Commonwealth, irrespective of sect or party, to join in the due observance of the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1868.

W. G. Brownlow,
Governor of Tennessee.

Circumstantial Evidence.

On the 24 instant, says the Hartford Times, the engineer of the New York express train, while running between North Haven and Wallingford, Connecticut, saw a barefooted man, in his shirt sleeves, dart out of the woods and place something wrapped in a newspaper on the track. It was too late to stop the train, and the pilot struck the obstacle which proved to be a heavy railroad bar, with great force, knocking it fifty feet, and breaking the pilot. The Hartford police set to work to discover the perpetrator, and arrested a man whose dress in every particular corresponded with the description and whose barefoot exactly fitted the track left by the would be destroyer. He was taken to Hartford and committed for examination. On Saturday, as the same train came along again, the same man who placed the bar on the track Friday again darted out of the same place, and throwing his arms above his head, stood and let the engine strike him. He was badly hurt, but not killed. He proved to be crazy. But for the circumstance the evidence against the man arrested would have sent him to the State Prison for life.

While laborers were demolishing an old building on Twenty-seventh Street, New York, on the 6th instant, they discovered in an old rat's nest a roll of bills, amounting to \$250. About eight years ago one of the occupants of the house lost the money. At the time of this loss a young man named William Cummings, clerk in a down town tea store, was boarding at the house, and as he was the last one seen in the room prior to the loss, he was convicted of the crime and sent to prison, with character ruined and bereft of friends. He gave way to dissipation, and eventually died at Blackwell Island.

Beginning to Believe.

"Bubbles," of the California Golden Era, gets off the following:
I begin to believe, now-a-days money makes the man, and dross the gentleman. I begin to believe that the purse is more potent than the sword and pen together.

I begin to believe that those who sin the most during the week are the devoutest on Sundays.
I begin to believe that honesty is the best policy—to speculate with until you have gained every body's confidence—then line your pockets.

I begin to believe in humbugging people out of their dollars. It is neither stealing nor begging; and those who are humbugged have only themselves to blame.

I begin to believe that a man was not made to enjoy life, but to keep himself miserable in the pursuit and possession of riches.

I begin to believe that the surest remedy for hard times and a tight money market is an extravagant expenditure on the part of the individual—to keep the money moving.

I begin to believe that none but knaves are qualified to hold office under Government—with the exception of a few natural born fools and lunatics.

I begin to believe that a piano-forte is more necessary in a family than meat and potatoes.
I begin to believe that a boy who doesn't swear, smoke and chew tobacco may be a very good boy, but naturally stupid.

I begin to believe that if the devil should die, one half of the world would be thrown out of employment.

The official Republican majority in the city of Philadelphia was 5,812.

A lamp which is said to have the power of transmitting light through the animal tissues, was recently exhibited at a meeting of the British Society for the Advancement of Science. The inventor, Dr. Richardson, says that the idea of effecting this transmission of light originated with Dr. Priestley, who had observed that on passing the discharge of a Leyden battery through his finger the member became luminous. By this lamp it was asserted that the motion of the heart and of the lungs had been observed while these organs were under the influence of ether. The bones in the arm of a child also were seen, and the movements and outline of the heart through the chest.

"Dixie Farmer" is the name of an interesting and useful agricultural paper published at Columbia, Tenn., by Mr. Hunter Nicholson. We received a copy of it last week with which we were so much pleased that we take the responsibility of recommending it to our farmer-friends. This number treats of The Field, The Stock, The Milk Pail, The Poultry Yard, The Apiary and The Flower Garden, besides containing a variety of Editorial and Miscellaneous matter. Published weekly at \$3 a year.

We received last week the second number of "The Bee," a lively sheet published at Fredericktown, Missouri. In reference to politics it says: "As some people do not know or pretend to misunderstand—the meaning of 'Independent in Politics,' we will state for their enlightenment that the political platform on which The Bee stands is: Two Dollars a year, invariably in advance. It is a good, substantial platform, large enough to accommodate every citizen of Madison county who wishes to sustain his local newspaper."

You can get any number to "stand on the Two Dollars," Mr. Bee, but it will be hard to get to the other end of your platform—that is, if you have no better luck than we have.

After a couple of days of uncommonly warm weather for the season, a steady rain set in on Tuesday evening and the "pattering on the roof" furnished music for several hours. The weather is now clear and cold.

The Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches were both open in this place on Sunday last, the congregations at both places being large and attentive. Two Sunday School meetings were held and addresses made by Rev. Messrs. Emory, Blair, West and Russell. Much interest seems to be manifested in the Sunday School cause by our people, and the Union School in operation here, under the efficient superintendency of Thomas G. Boyd, Esq., is in a highly flourishing condition.

We received a notice last week announcing services at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on both Saturday and Sunday. The notice was mislaid and only came to light when it was too late to supply the omission we had made in the announcement.

We understand that Rev. Mr. Brillhart, the newly-appointed pastor of the M. E. Church, South, was due here last Sunday; but we have not yet heard of his arrival.

The Post Office has been removed to Dr. Scruggs' new store, at Mat. Carter's old stand. The Doctor has a large and fine stock of drugs, medicines, paints, oils, dye stuffs, fancy articles, &c., which he will sell on reasonable terms, while Mr. Starrat will supply your letters free, and your papers, periodicals and pamphlets as cheap as the postal laws will admit.

Have you called to look at those splendid overcoats and the fine stock of winter clothing for sale at Grant's? If you have not, drop in and examine them; if you've got the money buy, and if you haven't weep to think what a poor, miserable, no-account, comfortless wretch you are and how happy Mr. Grant might make you if he would. We are afraid, however, he will prove as hard-hearted as his great namesake, the national "smoke."

The Columbia, S. C., Phoenix gets off the following: "Wanted at this office an able bodied, hard-featured, bad-tempered, not-to-be-puffed-off and not-to-be-backed-down, freckle-faced young man to collect for this paper. Must furnish his own horse, saddle-bags, pistols, whiskey, bowie-knife and cowhide. We will furnish the tobacco. To such we promise constant and laborious employment." There's an opening for somebody, and as situations are so scarce nowadays we shouldn't be surprised if Mr. Selby were overwhelmed with applications.

The Maryville Republican says that on last Saturday night (week) Dr. W. W. Bayless, while attending to his professional duties at Mr. J. L. Griffith's was struck speechless and died a few hours afterwards.

Dr. Bayless had many friends and acquaintances in Monroe County who will read the above announcement with much regret.

Bring in your produce and give W. T. Spillman a chance to furnish you with good bargains. Greenbacks, he says, will do as well, if you haven't got the produce.

At no other season of the year is there such regal beauty in our forests as when Autumn gives her tints of crimson and gold. The falling leaf is loveliest.

If there is a child in the family, purer, brighter, sweeter, dearer, more angelic than others, more than likely the child is but ripening for the sickle of Death. As Autumn tints are richest so are the tints of fading mortals.

We talk of our ephemeral existence as if it were almost mockery for the Infinite to give it. To-day in health—to-morrow cut down. No fonder where feet are not wanting. Yet look at the fading leaf! In comparison, what a gift is our three score and ten. And the leaf, brief as its earthly existence, does the bidding of God and fills a niche in His Great Temple.

So should we ever pray: "Let that, oh, Ever-Divine Spirit be enough for me. In the place where Thou appointest, let me work. Of the cup which Thou requiest let me drink. In the time when Thou, with Thy great, loving heart, seest to be best; let me fade with the leaf, and rest in Thine untroubled bosom."

COMMERCIAL.

SWEETWATER
Retail Prices Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY
HIGHT & SCRUGGS,
General Dealers in Merchandise,
AND
Commission Merchants.

BACON—sides.....	15
"Hams—good.....	30
"Shoulders.....	25
"Lard.....	12 1/2
BEEF—Slaughtered.....	5
BUTTER—Choice.....	30
"Common.....	25
BEESWAX—1 lb.....	25
BEANS—White & bush.....	1 40
CORN—new in the ear—bush.....	Nominal
"shelled.....	15
CHICKENS.....	15
CLOVER SEED—bush.....	33
COFFEE—Retail.....	04
DRIED APPLES—28 lbs & bush.....	07
"Peaches—33 lbs & "unpeeled.....	1 00
HAY—Baled and delivered.....	15
EGGS—per doz.....	50
FEATHERS—Prime.....	1 00
FLAXSEED—bush.....	1 00
HOGS—dressed & lb.....	1 00
JEANES Country & yd.....	40
OATS—bush.....	75
PEAS—bush.....	4
RAGS—Clean cotton.....	3 25
SALT—Retail.....	18 20
SUGAR—Retail.....	10
SYRUP—per lb.....	1 75
TALLOW—lb.....	1 65
WHEAT—White & bush—Prime.....	1 65
"Red.....	1 65

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ABBOTT & CO.,

BUREAU FOR GENERAL ADVERTISING,

82 and 84 Nassau Street,

NEW YORK.

Nov. 5, 1868.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY!

ONE GOOD TANNER,

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TWO OR THREE GOOD SHOEMAKERS,

to whom liberal wages will be given. Apply

to DANIEL HEISEL,

Sweetwater, Tenn.

November 5, 1868.

LOOK HERE!

I HAVE DISCONTINUED MY BUSINESS in Sweetwater, and am making arrangements to remove from this section of the country. I am compelled, therefore, to call on those indebted to me for immediate payment. Some of those whom I have favored have let their accounts run on for a long time. But the time has come when I must demand their settlement.

JOHN RENFRO, Sweetwater.

November 5, 1868.

LAST CALL!

ALL THOSE indebted to the late firm of VAN DIGRIFF & ELLIS will come forward immediately and MAKE PAYMENT, as the business must be wound up. I mean what I say.

CHARLES CANNON, Receiver.

November 5, 1868.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

WILL BE SOLD BEFORE THE COURT, House door in Madisonville, Monroe county, State of Tennessee, free from all incumbrances thereon, at auction, to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of NOVEMBER, next, the tract of land belonging to Robert C. Rowan, Bankrupt, to-wit: About 290 acres in Monroe county and State of Tennessee, adjoining lands of Joseph Walker and others, and known as the Cunningham farm.

Sold free from all incumbrances, for the benefit of said Bankrupt's creditors. Also at the same time and place the rents accruing for the year 1868 on the above farm. Terms Cash.

WILLIAM S. HILLS, Assignee.

October 22, 1868.

A. A. BOYD, MADISONVILLE, TENN., has

for sale a

TWO-HORSE WAGON,

cheap for cash.

IRISH POTATOES bought at the Brick Store

sign of

October 22

WANTED!

100 Cords Chestnut Oak Bark.

50 Cords Spanish Oak Bark.

50 Cords Red and Black Oak Bark.

For the above the highest market price will be paid. A portion of each kind will be required during the winter, and the balance during next Spring and Summer. THOMAS G. BOYD.

October 22, '68-4t Sweetwater, Tenn.

BOOKS, STATIONERY,

AND

MUSICAL MERCHANDISE.

THE EAST TENNESSEE BOOK HOUSE have

now on hand the Largest and Cheapest Stock

of Books, &c., ever brought into East Tennessee,

consisting in part of

School Books, Blank Books,

School Apparatus, Stationery, Albums,

Theological Books, Wall Papers & Borders,

Bibles & Testaments, Envelopes,

Juvenile Books, Law & Medical Books,

Musical Books, Masonic Books,

Inks,

FAIRCHILD'S

CELEBRATED GOLD PENS,

"Harp of Columbia," "Sacred Harp," "Social

Harps," and a large number of other Square

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R. H. RICHARDS & CO.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 20, 1868.

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WE HAVE THESE MILLS THOROUGH-

ly repaired, at considerable expense, and

we have no hesitation in saying that we are now

prepared to make as good flour as can be made

by any mill in the State, provided you furnish

us with good and clean wheat.

Mr. Fisher, who is an experienced miller, will

spare no pains in trying to make good flour for

you, and as much as can possibly be made out

of your wheat.

Mr. H. L. Fry is hanging around the mill tak-

ing the eighth of every grain that comes in.

you all know him, and you can watch him if

you want to.

HIGHT & SCRUGGS.

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE will be paid

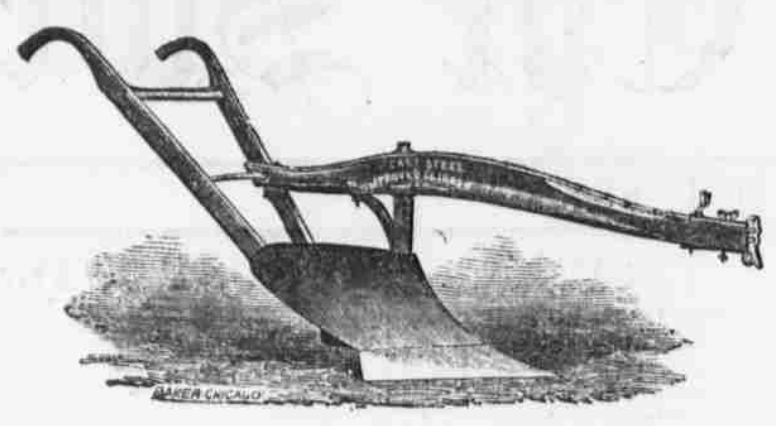
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April 20-4t

HIGHT AND SCRUGGS,

Sweetwater,



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Celebrated D. S. and S. S. Steel Plows, Russell & Co.'s

Threshing Machines, of All Sizes, Russell's Sr.

& Jr. Reapers & Mowers, Grain Drills,

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Also, Buckeye Senior and Junior Reapers and Mowers.

See our Mercantile Advertisement.

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North Georgia, Western North Carolina

and Virginia:

We are now opening in Ault's New

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BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS,

SHOE FINDINGS, UMBRELLAS,

LEATHER TRUNKS & C.

to which we most respectfully call your atten-

tion. Our Stock has been purchased with the

care of first hands, and we can and will

sell as Low or Lower than the same

Goods can be bought for in New York. We mean

what we say, and only ask buyers to call and see

us to be convinced that we assert nothing more

than we can do.

GAINES & CO.,

No. 64, Gay Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

September 10, 1868.

3m.

ELECTORAL TICKET.

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AT THE

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(Successors to Williams & Goldard.)

RETAIL MERCHANTS.

Sweetwater, Tenn.

HAVE JUST REPLENISHED THEIR STOCK,

which consists of Dry Goods, Groceries,

Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Ready-Made

Clothing, Hardware, Cutlery, Queensware, and

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Produce.—We pay the highest market

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